

## TROPICAL CYCLONE 01B

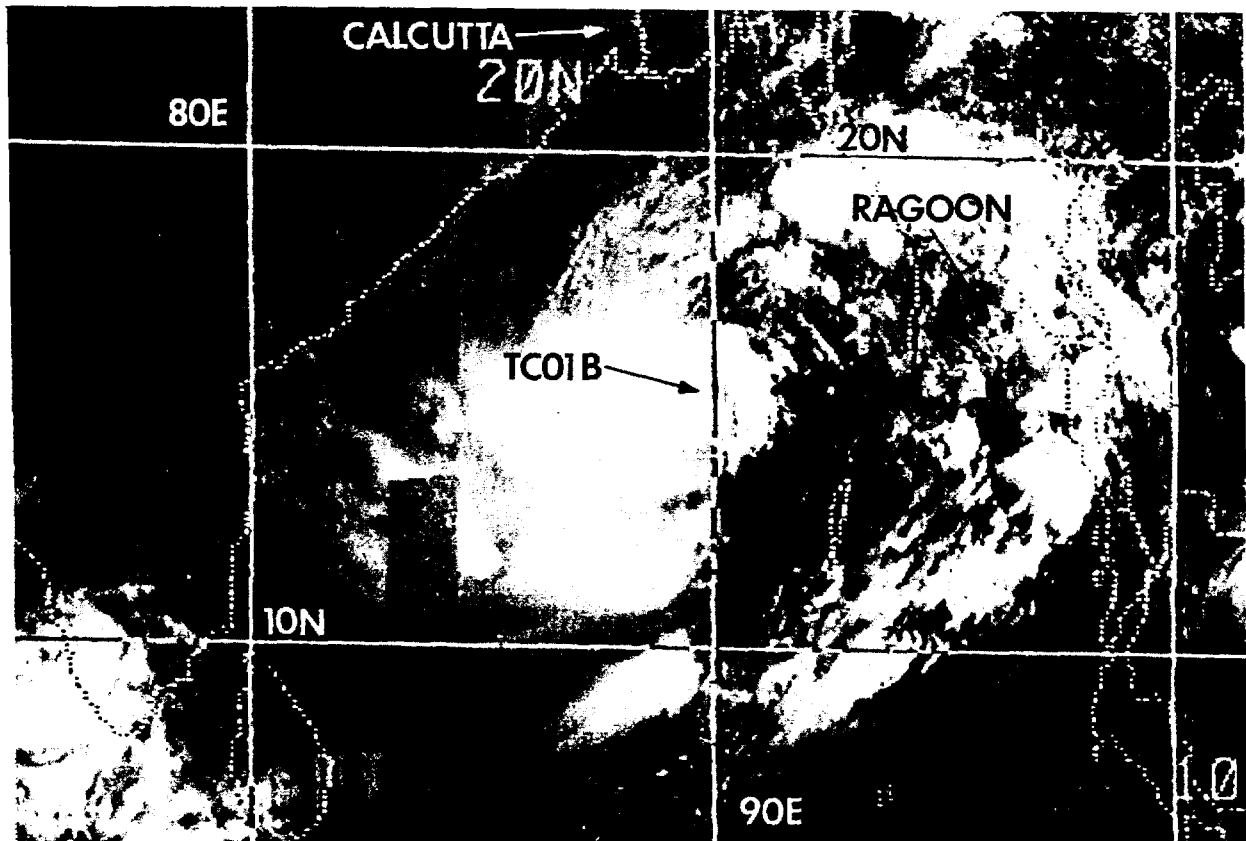


Figure 3-01B-1. Although TC01B's central dense overcast is located near the center of the Bay of Bengal, a broad band of enhanced cloudiness associated with the tropical cyclone is already affecting Burma (180200Z - 180400Z May DMSP visual digitized mosaic).

After an absence of tropical cyclone activity in the North Indian Ocean for six months, TC01B developed in the Bay of Bengal with the onset of the summer monsoon. It was first mentioned on the 151800Z May Significant Tropical Weather Advisory and was the subject of a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert at 160451Z, which was followed by the first warning at 161200Z. Because of the slow intensification and poorly defined cloud system center of TC01B, JTWC had to relocate the initial position on the second warning. The system recurved on 16 May, and continued to intensify afterward, reaching minimal typhoon intensity for a short period prior to landfall in Burma on 19 May. The final warning was issued by JTWC at 200000Z.